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**EMAIL ONLY**

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**Re: Information request – locate request transmissions**

Ms. Diamond, Mr. Wingate:

I write to request information pertaining to the operations of California's regional notification centers to assist in developing a regulation to assess a fee on regional notification center members pursuant to Government Code § 4216.16. The information you provide will be used to determine the most efficient and least burdensome manner in which to do so, and to determine the fiscal impact of regulation to local and state governmental entities and its impact to the economy at large, pursuant to Government Code § 11346.5.

1. Please describe the methodology by which you apportion regional notification center operating costs to your members.
2. Please provide the number of tickets, or notifications of proposed excavation, provided to you for excavation within the State of California for each year for which you have reliable information, and no less than five years, ending in 2016.
3. Please provide the number of locate request transmissions you provided to your members for locate and mark services within the State of California for each year for which you have reliable information, and no less than five years, ending in 2016.
4. Do you anticipate the number of tickets you receive or the number of locate request transmissions to increase or decrease in the foreseeable future? For what reasons, by how much, and over what timeframes?

5. We have identified a number of your members have been as state agencies and as local agencies. To allow us to determine the fiscal impact to these agencies, please provide the total number of locate request transmissions you provided to state agency member and to local government members in 2016. Alternatively, you may provide the 2016 locate transmission totals for each of your members, and we will cull state and local agency transmission numbers from that information.

Thank you for your assistance in this effort. Please contact me if you believe you will be unable to fulfill this request on or before January 19, 2018.

Sincerely,

TONY MARINO  
Executive Officer  
California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board